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Dear members:

The third annual KJA Purim party which was held on March 14, 1987 was a successful and joyous one. My special thanks go to Fortunee Lichaa who planned and organized the party. My thanks go to the many volunteers who helped in many ways, from preparing and serving the delicious food to organizing the Esther play for our young children.

With the conclusion of Purim, we prepare for Passover which reminds us of our heritage and struggle to be free from slavery. Today, we have the freedom but we struggle to keep our heritage. We are special people who endured for thousands of years and will endure thousands more. To ensure that, we need to educate our youngsters and practice our religion. The KJA is working very hard to accomplish these goals. We have the support of many members, but we also need the support of many others to achieve our goals. We want to hear from every family by responding to our surveys and making commitments to establish a home for the KJA.

We are preparing a tape for the Passover Haggada that will be sent to every family, hopefully before Passover. I urge you to encourage your children to participate in the Haggada reading and invite a family to celebrate with you this joyful occasion.

Happy Passover and God bless you.

Thank you,

Joe Abel

President

Selected topics from the KJA Board meetings:

- Joe Pessah reported to the board about his trip to Israel where he met Edna Dabbah. She is a candidate for the teaching of adults and children. However the main issue remains how can she support herself in the U.S.A. Joe Pessah also reported about his trip to France where he met Mr. Szyszman the author of 'Le Karaite'

- Joe Pessah also announced a camping trip to Israel for children 11 to 14 years old. The curriculum include Karaite prayers, traditions, interaction with israelites and field trips. If you have any interest please call or write to Joe Pessah.

- Elie Moussa has informed the board that our current balance in all the accounts is \$170,574.91.

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#### C O R R E C T I O N

The below named honorary members who contributed generously were listed as living in an erroneous state.

MR. CLAUDE COHEN of NEW YORK

MR. & MRS ABRAHAM MASSOUDA of RHODE ISLAND

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#### M A R K Y O U R C A L E N D A R

The 3rd annual KJA picnic party will be held on July 5th, 1987. Plan on joining us for a day of fun and socializing.

## Z E K H E R

The names below were remembered during our monthly Saturday and special prayers. KJA thanks everyone who contributed in their beloved memory.

LILIAN EL TAHAN BAT SHALOM PESSAH	DR. BARAKAT MASSUDA
ALAIN BEN YEHOUDA HA COHEN	MOUSSA MARZOUK
ELIAHOU YOUSSEF HAROSHALMI	LEON DARWISH
ESTHER ELIAHOU NONO	NADINE COHEN
MOURAD YOUSSEF OVADIA	HABIB EL TAHAN
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FARAG ASLAN COHEN	RAHEL YOMTOB
NAZLIE YOUSSEF LICHAA	YESHOUA OVADIA
MOUSSA YOUSSEF DARWISH	RAHEL COHEN
SHALOM MOUSSA PESSAH	VITA FARAG MASLIAH
ESTHER DAQUD MASSOUDA	GRACIA FARAG NOUNA
YACoub MOURAD MARZOUK	YOUSSEF KHEDR MATOUK
ZAKI HABIB ELIAHOU LICHAA	KHEDR HAYIM MATOUK
MOUSSA IBRAHIM MASSOUDA	FORTUNE LIETO LICHAA
FARAG YOUSSEF MASLIAH	MORAD YOUSSEF DABBAH
MOUSSA FARAG MASLIAH	DAQUD YOUSSEF DABBAH
YOUSSEF FARAG MASLIAH	KAMAR SALEH
SHALOM IBRAHIM MASSOUDA	IBRAHIM DABBAH
FORTUNEE DAQUD MASSOUDA	FOUAD DABBAH
YAFET SHALOM MASSOUDA	MARIE ELIAHOU LICHAA
MAURICE SHALOM MASSOUDA	



# בשם השם נעשה ונצלח

## HOW DO WE CELEBRATE PASSOVER?

PASSOVER IS THE FIRST FESTIVAL IN THE HEBREW CALENDAR. IT FALLS ON THE 14TH OF NISSAN AND IT IS OBSERVED FOR SEVEN DAYS AS WRITTEN.

THE TORAH NAMES THE VERY SPECIAL MONTH NISSAN AS THE HEAD OF THE MONTHS FOR THE YEAR. INDEED NISSAN IS THE MONTH OF OUR LIBERATION FROM SLAVERY. THE ISRAELITES HAVE BEEN MIRACULOUSLY SAVED FROM PHARAOHS' HANDS. DESPITE THE AWSOME PLAGUES AND THE SITUATION IN EGYPT THE ISRAELITES HAD DOUBTS ON HOW THEY WOULD SURVIVE. SOME HAVE REVOLTED AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WANTED TO GO BACK TO BONDAGE RATHER THAN BEAR THE PROCESS OF PURIFICATION THAT LATER TOOK 40 YEARS.

SUCH PROCESS INVOLVED THE TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAWS, THE SOUL AND BODY PURIFICATION, THE SELF INDULGENCE AND SALVATION.

WE REALIZE NOW THAT THESE LAWS AND PRINCIPLES WERE THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR SURVIVAL.

ONE MAY ASK WHERE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF THE PHARAOHS TODAY? OR WHERE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ENEMIES OF JACOBS' CHILDREN? WHERE ARE THE DESCENDENTS OF THE ISRAELITES? THEY ARE YOU AND ME AND EVERY FOLLOWER OF THE BIBLE. WE AS KARAITES OWE OUR CONTINUED EXISTENCE TO THESE VERY LAWS AND WE ALWAYS MAKE A POINT TO STUDY AND INTERPRET THE TORAH IN ITS OWN HEBREW LANGUAGE. THEREFORE IF I WANT TO OBSERVE PASSOVER, I WOULD REVERT TO THE BIBLE AND READ. IT IS TO BE CELEBRATED ON THE EVE OF THE 14TH OF NISSAN FOR SEVEN DAYS OF WHICH THE FIRST AND THE SEVENTH DAYS ARE HOLY (MIKRA KODESH.) ALL FORM OF WORK EXCEPT WHAT IS RELATED TO THE MAKING OF FOOD IS NOT PERMITTED (EX 12:16).

וביום הראשון מקרא קדש וביום השביעי מקרא קדש יהיה לכם כל מלאכה לא יעשה  
בהם אך אשר יאכל לכל נפש הוא לבדו יעשה לכם

AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT WERE PRESENT KEPT THE PASSOVER AT THAT TIME, AND THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD SEVEN DAYS. (II CHRO. 35:17)

ויעשו בני ישראל הנמצאים את הפסח

בעת ההיא ואת חג המצות שבעת ימים

AND THEY KEPT A FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD FOR SEVEN DAYS IN JOY. (EZRA 6:22)

ויעשו חג מצות שבעת ימים בשמחה

PERHAPS THE MOST DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF THIS FEAST IS THE READING OF THE HAGGADAH AND THE DIETARY CHANGES. WE READ THE HAGGADAH TO TRANSMIT TO OUR CHILDREN THE STORY OF OUR DELIVERANCE AS WRITTEN. WE ACCEPT DILIGENTLY TO INTAKE NO YEAST PRODUCT IN OUR FOOD TO REMEMBER THE SITUATION OF OUR ANCESTORS AS WRITTEN. WE ARE ALSO COMMENDED TO VISIT ISRAEL ON PASSOVER (EXO.23:14-17) SO THAT WE SEE AND FEEL TOGETHER WITH OUR BROTHERS THAT WE ARE ONE NATION WITH ONE TORAH IN ONE LAND. INFORM YOUR CHILDREN, WHY WE ARE CELEBRATING PASSOVER, READ EXODUS 12 & 13 TO MARK THE HOLYNESS OF THE EVENT.

TO WISH YOU A JOYFUL PASSOVER WE ARE INCLUDING THE HAGGADAH AND AN AUDIO CASSETTE. PLEASE NOTE THE PASSOVER SONG AT THE END OF THE HAGGADAH AND ON SIDE B OF THE TAPE. WITHOUT THE INSTRUMENTAL HELP OF MR JOE MOUSSA, MY UNCLE JACOB PESSAH AND JOE RASSON IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO FINISH THE TAPE. MANY THANKS TO THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO GLADLY PERFORMED AND PARTICIPATED. THANKS TO MR MARZOUK Y. MARZOUK FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION TO HELP DEFRAYING THE COSTS.

THE SEDER MENU IS DESCRIBED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE HAGGADAH. FOR PASSOVER FOOD, USE YOUR HONEST JUDGEMENT. EAT WHAT YOU MAKE AT HOME AND ABSTAIN FROM THE PROCESSED AND THE QUESTIONABLE ITEMS LIKE CHOCOLATE, CANDY, SODAS, CHEESES, WINES AND HARD LIQUORS.

FOLLOW ALL THE ABOVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. IF YOU DO, YOU HAVE FOUND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUST PRACTICING AND TRUE OBSERVING.

HAG SAMEYAH  
J.P.

## PURIM PARTY - AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

Our third annual Purim party was held on March 14, 1987 in the city of South San Francisco. 117 adults and 35 children have shown up for this fun and enjoyable evening. One did not have to look hard to notice the major planning and efforts that were put into organizing this event. Several things attracted my attention that evening that are worth mentioning. To begin with, the hall was modern and very comfortable. Table's arrangement and seating were good. Children had their own games area which they used extensively. Many entertainments were provided: games, music, magic show, belly dancer, Esther play and social games.

Many people of our community helped in this main event. A special recognition should be given to the following people whose unlimited efforts and dedication made that night possible.

Party Chairperson	: Fortunee Lichaa
Kitchen chef	: Sarina Pessah
Cook/Kitchen support	: Rachel Ovadia, Sarina Moussa and Cecilia El Tahan
General support	: Kamy Moran, Simone and Shoshanna El Tahan
Children Games	: Mr. & Mrs Albert Massuda
MCEE	: Amin Pessah

On behalf of our board of directors, I thank all the people who have contributed to the success of the Purim party. We are looking forward in seeing you in our next major social event, our third annual picnic to be held on Sunday July 5, 1987. More information on the picnic will follow.

Maurice Pessah  
Secretary





Candle Lighting



ISABELLE KHEDR  
& GISELLE SADDIK  
elegantly dance



OREET MOUSSA as the queen  
DAVID PESSAH as the king



'EBTESAM' awarded top performer in Egypt,  
delighted our audience.

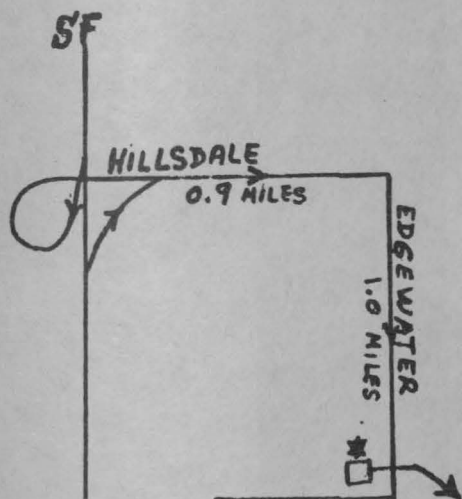


The skillful trio musicians  
JACOB MOUSSA, DAVID PESSAH  
& DAVID MOUSSA

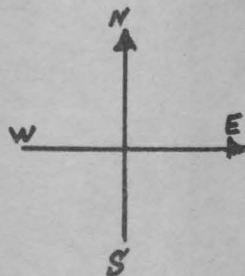


ERIC SADDIK the great magician  
assisted by his sister GISELLE  
enchanted everyone.

Join us at 9:30 AM on :MAY 2nd  
JUNE 6th  
JULY 4th  
AUGUST 1st



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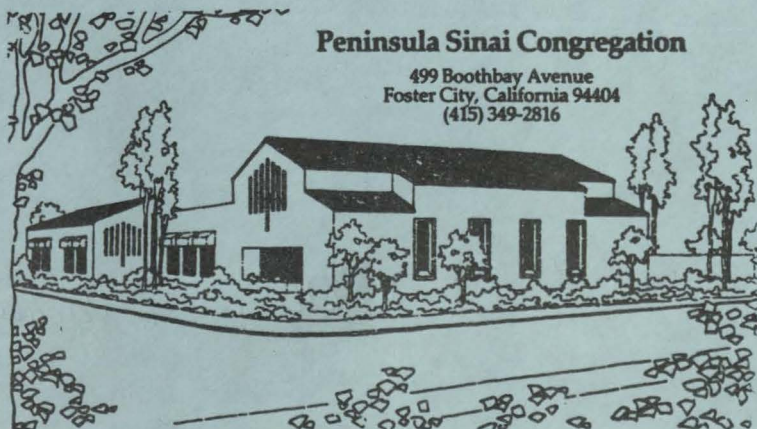
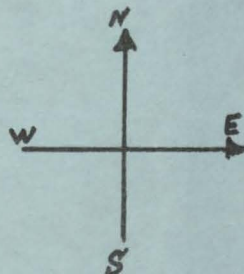
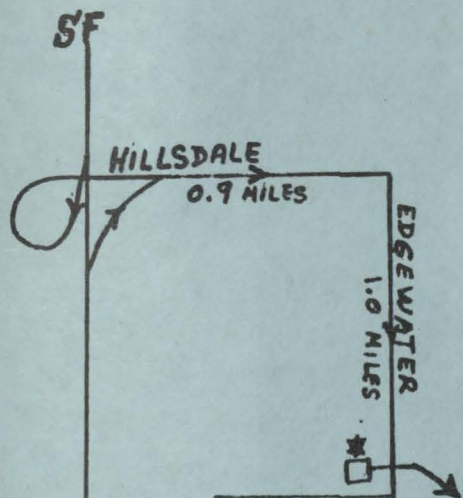


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